

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A server device, comprising:
  - a user-information storage section which stores in advance user information regarding at least one user to be a new member of a system;
  - a staff information storage section which stores staff information regarding at least one sales staff in association with the user information stored in said user information storage section;
  - a communications section which sends and receives predetermined information to and from at least one user terminal through a communications network;
  - an input-form sender which sends input-form information for inputting ID (identification) information for identifying said at least one user in a predetermined ID-form, to said at least one user terminal through said communications section;
  - an ID-information receiver which receives the ID information from said at least one user terminal through said communications section, in association with said input-form information sent by said input-form sender;
  - an information acquirer which acquires the user information corresponding to said at least one user from said user-information storage section, in association with the ID information received by said ID-information receiver;
  - a member-form sender which (1) sets the user information acquired by said information acquirer in member-form information used for inputting member information to generate thereby member form information having at least part of the member information set therein, and (2) sends the generated member form information to said at least one user terminal through said communications section;

a member-information receiver which receives the member information, sent from said at least one user terminal in association with said user information and member-form information sent by said member-form sender, through said communications section; and

a member-information storage section which stores the member information received by said member-information receiver.

2. (Currently Amended) A server device, comprising:

a user-information storage section which stores in advance user information regarding at least one user to be a new member of a system;

a staff information storage section which stores staff information regarding at least one sales staff in association with the user information stored in said user information storage section;

a communications section which sends and receives predetermined information to and from at least one user terminal and at least one sales-staff terminal, which are connected with each other through a communications network;

an input-form sender which sends input-form information for inputting ID information for identifying said at least one user in a predetermined ID-input form, to said at least one user terminal through said communications section;

an ID-information receiver which receives the ID information sent from said at least one user terminal in association with the input-form information sent by said input-form sender, through said communications section;

an information acquirer which acquires the user information corresponding to said at least one user from said user-information storage section, in association with the ID information received by said ID-information receiver;

a member-form sender which (1) sets the user information acquired by said information acquirer in member-form information used for inputting member information to generate thereby member form information having at least part of the member information set therein, and (2) sends the generated member form information to the at least one user terminal through said communications section;

a member-information receiver which receives the member information, sent from said at least one user terminal in association with the user information and the member-form information sent by said member-form sender, through said communications section;

a member-information storage section which stores the member information received by said member-information receiver; and

a member-information sender which sends the member information received by said member-information receiver to said at least one sales-staff terminal through said communications section.

3. (Previously Presented) The server device according to claim 2, wherein:

each of said input-form sender and said member-form sender sends a Web page that includes form information to said at least one user terminal; and

said member-information sender sends an e-mail that includes the member information received by said member-information receiver to said at least one sales-staff terminal.

4. (Currently Amended) The server device according to claim 2, ~~further comprising~~ wherein

[[a]] said staff-information storage section ~~which~~ stores staff information regarding at least one sales staff, ~~in association with the user information stored in said user information~~

~~storage section, and~~ the staff information including an e-mail address of said at least one sales staff,

~~wherein~~ said information acquirer acquires the user information corresponding to the at least one user from said user-information storage section, and acquires the staff information regarding said at least one sales staff from said staff-information storage section, and

said member-information sender sets, as addressee, an e-mail address included in the staff information regarding said at least one sales staff and acquired by said information acquirer, and sends an e-mail including the member information acquired by said member-information receiver to said at least one sales staff terminal.

5. (Currently Amended) The server device according to claim 3, ~~further comprising~~ wherein

[[a]] said staff-information storage section ~~which~~ stores staff information regarding at least one sales staff, ~~in association with the user information stored in said user-information storage section, and~~ the staff information including an e-mail address of said at least one sales staff,

~~wherein~~ said information acquirer acquires the user information corresponding to the at least one user from said user-information storage section, and acquires the staff information regarding said at least one sales staff from said staff-information storage section, and

said member-information sender sets, as addressee, an e-mail address included in the staff information regarding said at least one sale staff and acquired by said information acquirer, and sends an e-mail including the member information acquired by said member-information receiver to said at least one sales staff terminal.

6. (Original) The server device according to claim 2, further comprising:

a confirmation-form sender which sends confirmation-form information for confirming whether to send the member information received by said member-information receiver to said at least one sales staff, to said at least one user terminal through said communications section; and

a confirmation-information receiver which receives confirmation information sent from said at least one user terminal in association with the confirmation-form information sent by said confirmation-form sender, through said communications section, and

wherein said member-information sender sends an e-mail including the member information received by said member-information receiver to said at least one sales-staff terminal, only in a case where said confirmation-information receiver receives the confirmation information for confirming whether to send the member information to said at least one sales staff.

7. (Original) The server device according to claim 3, further comprising:

a confirmation-form sender which sends confirmation-form information for confirming whether to send the member information received by said member-information receiver to said at least one sales staff, to said at least one user terminal through said communications section; and

a confirmation-information receiver which receives confirmation information sent from said at least one user terminal in association with the confirmation-form information sent by said confirmation-form sender, through said communications section, and

wherein said member-information sender sends an e-mail including the member information received by said member-information receiver to said at least one sales-staff

terminal, only in a case where said confirmation-information receiver receives the confirmation information for confirming whether to send the member information to said at least one sales staff.

8. (Original) The server device according to claim 4, further comprising:  
a confirmation-form sender which sends confirmation-form information for confirming whether to send the member information received by said member-information receiver to said at least one sales staff, to said at least one user terminal through said communications section; and

a confirmation-information receiver which receives confirmation information sent from said at least one user terminal in association with the confirmation-form information sent by said confirmation-form sender, through said communications section, and

wherein said member-information sender sends an e-mail including the member information received by said member-information receiver to said at least one sales-staff terminal, only in a case where said confirmation-information receiver receives the confirmation information for confirming whether to send the member information to said at least one sales staff.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for supporting member registration, comprising:  
sending input-form information for inputting ID information for identifying at least one user, to at least one user terminal through a communications network;

receiving the ID information sent from said at least one user terminal in association with the input-form information sent at said step of sending the input-form information;

a user information acquisition step of acquiring user information corresponding to said at least one user in association with the ID information received at said step of receiving

the ID information, from a first storage section which stores in advance the user information regarding the at least one user to be a new member of a system;

setting the user information acquired ~~by said information acquirer~~ at said user information acquisition step in member-form information used for inputting member information in a predetermined member form to generate thereby member form information having at least part of the member information set therein, and sending the generated member form information to said at least one user terminal;

receiving the member information sent from said at least one user terminal in association with the member-form information and user information sent at said step of sending the member form; ~~and~~

a staff information acquisition step of acquiring staff information regarding at least one sales staff from a third storage section storing in advance the staff information associated with the user information; and

storing the member information received at said step of receiving the member information, in a second storage section storing information regarding at least one member.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for supporting member registration, comprising:  
sending input-form information for inputting ID information for identifying at least one user in a predetermined ID form, to at least one user terminal through a communications network;

receiving the ID information sent from said at least one user terminal in association with the input-form information sent at said step of sending the input-form information;

a user information acquisition step of acquiring user information corresponding to said at least one user terminal in association with the ID information received at said step of

receiving the ID information, from a first storage section which stores in advance the user information regarding said at least one user to be a new member of a system;

setting the user information acquired by said information acquirer in member-form information used for inputting member information to generate thereby member form information having at least part of the member information set therein and sending the generated member form information to said at least one user terminal;

receiving the member information sent from said at least one user terminal in association with the member-form information and user information sent at said step of sending the member-form information;

a staff information acquisition step of acquiring staff information regarding at least one sales staff from a third storage section storing in advance the staff information associated with the user information;

storing the member information received at said step of receiving the member information, in a second storage section storing information regarding at least one member; and

sending member information received at said step of receiving the member information, to at least one sales-staff terminal through a communications network.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, wherein:

each of said step of sending the input-form information and said step of sending the member-form information includes a step of sending a Web page that includes form information to said at least one user terminal; and

said step of sending the member information includes a step of sending an e-mail that includes the member information received in said step of receiving the member information, to said at least one sales-staff terminal.



12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein:

said user information acquisition step ~~of acquiring the user information includes a step of acquiring the user information corresponding to said at least one user from said first storage section storing in advance the user information and a step of acquiring information regarding at least one sales staff corresponding to the user information from a third storage section storing information regarding at least one sales staff; and~~ acquires the user information corresponding to said at least one user from said first storage section storing in advance the user information;

said staff information acquisition step acquires staff information including an e-mail address of a staff from a third storage section storing in advance the staff information associated with the user information; and

said step of sending the member information includes a step of setting, as addressee, an e-mail address included in the information regarding the sales staff and acquired in said staff information acquisition step of acquiring the information and a step of sending an e-mail that includes the member information acquired in said staff information acquisition step of receiving the member information to said at least one sales staff.

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein:

said user information acquisition step ~~of acquiring the user information includes a step of acquiring the user information corresponding to said at least one user from said first storage section storing in advance the user information and a step of acquiring information regarding at least one sales staff corresponding to the user information from a third storage section storing information regarding at least one sales staff~~ acquires the user information

corresponding to said at least one user from said first storage section storing in advance the user information; and

said staff information acquisition step acquires staff information including an e-mail address of a staff from a third storage section storing in advance the staff information associated with the user information;

said step of sending the member information includes a step of setting, as addressee, an e-mail address included in the information regarding the sales staff and acquired in said step of acquiring the information and a step of sending an e-mail that includes the member information acquired at said step of receiving the member information to said at least one sales staff.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, further comprising:  
sending confirmation-form information for confirming whether to send the member information received in said step of receiving the member information to said at least one sales staff, to said at least one user terminal; and

receiving confirmation information received from said at least one user terminal in association with the confirmation-form information sent in said step of sending the confirmation-form information, and

wherein said step of sending the member information includes a step of sending an e-mail that includes the member information received at said step of receiving the member information to said at least one sales-staff terminal, only in a case where the confirmation information for confirming whether to send the member information to said at least one sales staff is received in said step of receiving the confirmation information.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, further comprising:  
sending confirmation-form information for confirming whether to send the member information received in said step of receiving the member information to said at least one sales staff, to said at least one user terminal; and

receiving confirmation information received from said at least one user terminal in association with the confirmation-form information sent in said step of sending the confirmation-form information, and

wherein said step of sending the member information includes a step of sending an e-mail that includes the member information received in said step of receiving the member information to said at least one sales-staff terminal, only in a case where the confirmation information for confirming whether to send the member information to said at least one sales staff is received in said step of receiving the confirmation information.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, further comprising:  
sending confirmation-form information for confirming whether to send the member information received in said step of receiving the member information to said at least one sales staff, to said at least one user terminal; and

receiving confirmation information received from said at least one user terminal in association with the confirmation-form information sent in said step of sending the confirmation-form information, and

wherein said step of sending the member information includes a step of sending an e-mail that includes the member information received in said step of receiving the member information to said at least one sales-staff terminal, only in a case where the confirmation information for confirming whether to send the member information to said at least one sales staff is received in said step of receiving the confirmation information.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer readable recording medium recording a program for controlling a computer to execute a method for supporting member registration, and said method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

sending input-form information for inputting ID information for identifying at least one user, to at least one user terminal through a communications network;

receiving the ID information sent from said at least one user terminal in association with the input-form information sent at said step of sending the input-form information;

a user information acquisition step of acquiring user information corresponding to said at least one user in association with the ID information received at said step of receiving the ID information, from a first storage section which stores in advance the user information regarding the at least one user to be a new member of a system;

setting the user information acquired ~~by said information acquirer~~ at said user information acquisition step in member-form information used for inputting member information to generate thereby member form information having at least part of the member information set therein and sending the generated member form information to said at least one user terminal;

receiving the member information sent from said at least one user terminal in association with the member-form information and user information sent in said step of sending the member form; ~~and~~

a staff information acquisition step of acquiring staff information regarding at least one sales staff from a third storage section storing in advance the staff information associated with the user information; and

storing the member information received in said step of receiving the member information, in a second storage section storing information regarding at least one member.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer readable recording medium recording a program for controlling a computer to execute a method for supporting member registration, and said method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

sending input-form information for inputting ID information for identifying at least one user in a predetermined ID form, to at least one user terminal through a communications network;

receiving the ID information sent from said at least one user terminal in association with the input-form information sent at said step of sending the input-form information;

a user information acquisition step of acquiring user information corresponding to said at least one user terminal in association with the ID information received at said step of receiving the ID information, from a first storage section which stores in advance the user information regarding said at least one user to be a new member of a system;

setting the user information acquired ~~by said information acquirer~~ at said user information acquisition step in member-form information used for inputting member information to generate thereby member form information having at least part of the member information set therein and sending the generated member form information to said at least one user terminal;

receiving the member information sent from said at least one user terminal in association with the member-form information and user information sent in said step of sending the member-form information;

a staff information acquisition step of acquiring staff information regarding at least one sales staff from a third storage section storing in advance the staff information associated with the user information;

storing the member information received in said step of receiving the member information, in a second storage section storing information regarding at least one member; and

sending member information received in said step of receiving the member information, to at least one sales-staff terminal through a communications network.

19. (Currently Amended) A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave and representing an instruction sequence for controlling a computer to execute a method for supporting member registration, and said method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

sending input-form information for inputting ID information for identifying at least one user, to at least one user terminal through a communications network;

receiving the ID information sent from said at least one user terminal in association with the input-form information sent at said step of sending the input-form information;

a user information acquisition step of acquiring user information corresponding to said at least one user in association with the ID information received at said step of receiving the ID information, from a first storage section which stores in advance the user information regarding the at least one user to be a new member of a system;

setting the user information acquired ~~by said information acquirer~~ at said user information acquisition step in member-form information used for inputting member information to generate thereby member form information having at least part of the member information set therein, and sending the generated member form information to said at least one user terminal;

receiving the member information sent from said at least one user terminal in association with the member-form information and user information sent in said step of sending the member form; ~~and~~

a staff information acquisition step of acquiring staff information regarding at least one sales staff from a third storage section storing in advance the staff information associated with the user information; and

storing the member information received in said step of receiving the member information, in a second storage section storing information regarding at least one member.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave and representing an instruction sequence for controlling a computer to execute a method for supporting member registration, and said method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

sending input-form information for inputting ID information for identifying at least one user in a predetermined ID form, to at least one user terminal through a communications network;

receiving the ID information sent from said at least one user terminal in association with the input-form information sent at said step of sending the input-form information;

a user information acquisition step of acquiring user information corresponding to said at least one user terminal in association with the ID information received at said step of receiving the ID information, from a first storage section which stores in advance the user information regarding said at least one user to be a new member of a system;

setting the user information acquired ~~by said information acquirer~~ at said user information acquisition step in member-form information used for inputting member information to generate thereby member form information having at least part of the member information set therein, and sending the generated member form information to said at least one user terminal;

receiving the member information sent from said at least one user terminal in association with the member-form information and user information sent in said step of sending the member-form information;

a staff information acquisition step of acquiring staff information regarding at least one sales staff from a third storage section storing in advance the staff information associated with the user information;

storing the member information received in said step of receiving the member information, in a second storage section storing information regarding at least one member; and

sending member information received in said step of receiving the member information, to at least one sales-staff terminal through a communications network.